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Indonesia - Communist China: Friction between Indonesia and Communist China can be expected to increase as Djakarta carries out its ban against alien retailers in rural areas and forces the resettlement of Chinese from rural to urban centers. There are reports of violence by Indonesians against Chinese.

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Yemen: (The Imam's efforts to improve his financial situation by recalling subsidy payments made to tribal elements may be costing him their essential support.

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III. THE WEST

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Panama: (Bitter anti-US sentiment is spreading rapidly throughout Panama. Planning continues for the 28 November march to the Canal Zone with the prospect of more violence than that of 3 November. There now are indications that serious demonstrations against the United States will occur on 18 November, the anniversary of the signing of the 1903 treaty between Panama and the US.

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Cuba: (At least one of the several Cuban military purchasing missions now in Europe is believed to be in Prague. The Cubans are in search of a number of types of arms and aircraft, reportedly including Soviet MIGs. Fidel Castro has accused the United States of trying to keep Cuba defenseless by pressing the British not to supply jet aircraft to Cuba. Castro implied that Cuba may be forced to make such purchases in the Soviet bloc.)

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Sino-Indonesian Friction Likely to Increase

Friction between Peiping and Djakarta, already relatively high over the issue of Overseas Chinese, can be expected to increase as the Indonesian Government accelerates and Peiping seeks to obstruct implementation of two executive orders affecting Chinese in rural areas. One of the orders bans alien retailers in rural areas effective 1 January 1960. The second requires all Chinese, regardless of occupation, to leave rural areas unless they become employees of succeeding retail organizations.

Already several dozen Chinese near Tjibadak, West Java, are reported to have been beaten for resisting resettlement. According to unconfirmed, and probably exaggerated, information which reached the US consulate in Surabaya, 200 to 300 Chinese were killed or wounded near Pontianak, Borneo.

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Since 2 November, Communist-controlled papers in the colony have featured articles critical of Indonesian restrictions on Chinese retailers. The mainland press has thus far made no comment. (Use of the Hong Kong Communist press suggests that Peiping intends to conceal from other Asian countries the full extent of its pressure on Indonesia and to create the impression that Chinese outside Communist China are outraged by the persecution of their "brothers" in Indonesia.)

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Imam's Economy Measures Cause Yemeni Tribal Dissidence

Tribal dissatisfaction appears to be a direct result of the Imam's recent moves to improve Yemen's serious financial difficulties. Crown Prince Badr bought tribal allegiance during the crisis which occurred when the Imam was vacationing last summer; these payments now are the target of the Imam's economy measures. In addition, the Imam has canceled Badr's pay increases to the army, creating another element of potential dissidence, although there is no evidence as yet of military support for any move against the monarchy.

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III. THE WEST

Cuba May Purchase Military Equipment From Soviet Bloc

At least one of the several Cuban military purchasing missions now in Europe is believed to be in Prague. The Cubans are in search of a number of types of arms and aircraft, reportedly including Soviet MIGs. Fidel Castro himself has accused the United States of trying to keep Cuba defenseless by urging Britain not to provide it with jets in exchange for the piston-type planes Cuba already has. Castro implied that Cuba may be forced to make such purchases in the Soviet bloc.

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The extremist, anti-US leaders now dominating the Cuban Government appear anxious to promote trade with the Soviet bloc as a means of shifting the pattern of Cuba's international trade away from dependence on the US market.

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